

LOCAL NEWS.

Board of Supervisors meets at Accomac C. H., Wednesday next, March 17th.

"Ask your druggist for the kindergarten novelty, the house that Jack built."

The friends of Mr. S. R. Nelson are trying to induce him to be a candidate for supervisor of Lee district.

The Southern Methodists of the East-shore district will erect a district parsonage at Cape Charles.

A change in the schedule of N. Y. P. & N. R. R. which went into effect March 3rd, received too late for this week, will appear in next issue.

Mr. T. H. Nelson has just arrived with a fine drove of horses suitable for farm and road purposes. Call, see, examine and buy at low rates.

Wild geese have begun their flight northward, and the same is accepted, in the opinion of many, as a sure sign that the winter is over and that warm weather only may be expected.

The sale of public auction of the house and lot of James Harmon, situated on Chincoteague Island, has been postponed to Saturday next, March 20th, 10 a. m. Terms made known on day of sale.

The announcement of Mr. Bullitt Fitzhugh, editor of the Cape Charles Pioneer, as candidate for the House of Delegates from the county of Northampton, received too late for this week, will appear in our next issue.

Miss Madeline S. Mapp, daughter of Dr. John E. Mapp, superintendent of public schools of Accomac, has accepted the position of assistant teacher of vocal and instrumental music in Randolph Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. George Allworth, of Pocomoke, was in town Monday. It is reported that while he rented the Chesapeake Hotel, and purchased the bar fixtures from Mr. E. E. Thompson, its former proprietor, with a view of re-opening the hotel.—Headlight.

Mr. H. E. Van Deman, of Parkley, was elected first vice president of the State Horticultural Society, organized at the horticultural convention recently in session in Charlottesville, and which will hold its first annual meeting in that city in September.

An advertisement of J. W. Rogers & Bros., Only, in this issue merits the special attention of our readers. You need hay, coal, terra cotta piping, building materials and many other articles. They have them, want to sell them and will make you low prices.

Rev. Jay B. Hamilton will lecture at the M. E. Church, Onancock, Friday evening, March 13th, on the miracles of the twentieth century, illustrated by means of electricity. The lecture is described as unique and impressive as well as entertaining and popular. Proceeds for the benefit of superannuated ministers.

The entries in the free-for-all race to come off at the Fair Grounds near Keller, Thursday, May 27th, appear in this issue in another column. The records of the five horses show speed from 2:25 to 2:38, and it is safe to say, that so many horses with such records have never been started before in a race in Accomac.

Mr. M. E. Selby was a visitor to our town a few days ago as the representative of Alex J. Hart, successor of Quikley & Mullen, better equipped than ever before to meet the wants of customers. With a first-class firm, it is hardly necessary to add that so clever a commercial tourist is bound to win with our merchants.

Mrs. Tabitha Baker, a lady of high christian character and generally esteemed in the community in which she lived, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. H. Bull, near Mappsville, on Thursday 4th inst., aged 84 years. Funeral services conducted by Rev. J. L. King were held over her remains on Saturday. She was the widow of Asa Baker, deceased. Three children, Mr. E. Baker, of near Pocomoke City, and Mrs. W. H. Bull and Mrs. E. T. Rew, survive her.

Tramps were never more numerous in the county than at present. Twenty were at Tasey Station one night during the week and eight of them visited Accomac C. H., last Monday. Some of them are very ugly in appearance and do not act in a manner to commend them to the toleration of the public. An effort was made by three of them to stop the horse driven by two ladies near the Court-house last Wednesday. One of those that visited Accomac C. H., came in on crutches and after he had gathered all the dimes and nickels he could get, went out with the crutches on his shoulder. They may be harmless, but it is best not to trust them too far.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Chincoteague.

Mr. Archie Jones returned from a business trip to New York this week. Schooners Maggie Davis, D. J. Wheaton and Mayflower loaded with oyster for Norfolk, this week.

John Burch, first mate of Fenwick Island Lightship, No. 53, is visiting his father, Capt. George C. Burch.

The Duckenmiller family gave entertainments three evenings last week at our opera house to large audiences.

The brig, Emma L. Shaw, which went ashore two miles above Green Run Station last week is a total loss, and the wreck has been sold at public auction.

A "heathen Chinese" was here last week, for the purpose of opening a laundry and liked the place, but failed to secure a house for the business.

Forty thousand barrels of oysters were shipped from this place, from October 1st to March 1st, and the shipments this season are likely to be larger than ever in the history of the Island.

There is not a vacant dwelling or business house on the Island and the supply is far from meeting the demand for same. Quite a large number of visitors have been here this winter who wished to locate, but could not be accommodated.

The "sanctified folks" who remained here are getting restless and would like to begin their wild orgies again, but the citizens of the Island are determined that they will not permit them. They will probably sell their property, however great the sacrifice, and join their brethren in North Carolina.

Arrivals at Atlantic hotel this week: E. H. Brown, W. B. Tunis, M. F. Byrd, F. W. Byrd, Baltimore; T. A. Conner, Philadelphia; M. E. Selby, Wilmington; N. B. Grisley, New York; Chas. H. Valentine, Charles L. Edwards, George Mung, Long Branch; Argustus Holson, Milford; R. J. McAllen, Snow Hill; B. T. Gunter, Jr., S. K. Martin, M. T. West and son, Logan Henderson, Accomac.

Parkley.

Mr. Martin L. Parks, of Thurlow, Pa., spent Sunday with his parents.

Rev. Mr. Edmondston, of Atlantic, was a visitor to our town this week.

The members and the public generally will urge Conference to return Rev. Mr. Stone.

Mrs. and Miss Chabourne have moved to their summer home at Savin Hill, Boston.

Miss Manie Parks, after a visit of several weeks to Sanford and vicinity, has returned home.

Mr. William Lewis and family have moved to Hallwood and will open a barrel factory at that place.

Capt. John W. Bunting, of Chincoteague, visited our town this week, looking after his fertilizer business.

Leonard M. P. Church will urge the return of Rev. Mr. Donovan. He has proven himself a popular preacher and an earnest pastor.

Capt. H. Fitzgerald has been elected by Leonard and Bunting Creek M. P. Churches as a delegate to represent them at the Annual Conference.

Rev. M. F. Sanford is on the sick list and failed to fill his appointment last Sunday. Rev. E. D. Stone preached for him at Parkley in the afternoon.

Our M. P. Church met last Monday night and elected H. T. Mason delegate to the Maryland Annual Conference, which meets in Baltimore, the first of April.

Mr. Benjamin S. Jones and wife, of New York, who have been spending a few days in Parkley visiting friends and relatives, left for home last Tuesday.

There has been considerable stealing in this vicinity lately. Capt. T. Johnson has had stolen from him several pieces of bacon, Mr. D. H. Johnson several pieces of beef, and Mrs. Nancy Byrd several chickens. The thieves also visited the hen-houses of Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Mr. George West and Dr. Drummond and carried away several chickens from each place.

Temperanceville.

It is rumored that our town will have another store shortly.

Mrs. Sewell Taylor is recovering from a severe attack of sickness.

Miss May Matthews is making an extended visit to her uncle's home in Onancock.

Some of our sportsmen will leave in a few days for Hog Island, on an extended gunning trip.

The new dwelling of Edgar F. Guillette is approaching completion and will be occupied by himself and wife in the near future.

The farmers of this section are busy preparing their land for potatoes, notwithstanding the low prices. The prospect for strawberries is fairly good.

Mr. Thomas Savage and family left for Baltimore last week to make that city their permanent home. The town feels their loss to a great extent and realizes that it will be hard to replace them. It will be remembered that Mrs. Savage suffered a stroke of paralysis last summer, and she will receive medical treatment there.

If you are going to plant strawberries this spring do not fail to write to A. J. McMath, Only, Va., for his price list. It tells you about the old and new varieties, and remember that all plants coming from him have their roots straightened and tied, in a bunch. You need some Brandywine.

Chesconnessex.

Mr. W. H. Marsh is confined to his bed with la grippe.

Capt. Wesley Marsh is loading his vessel, Little Helen, with oysters for Baltimore.

Capt. John W. Marsh, suffering of late with lumbago, we are glad to report, has improved enough to be out again.

Mr. Solomon Gray, who has been confined to his room since December 15th with a severe case of typhoid, is now rapidly improving.

Messrs. Marsh & Bro. have ordered the lumber for a new storehouse on the south side of Chesconnessex, and will begin work on same immediately.

Mr. John F. Riley, Jr., was kicked in the mouth by a horse last Monday afternoon and severely injured. He had four of his front teeth knocked out.

The sloop Pine, Capt. John T. Parks, left here March 1st, with a load of oysters for Washington, D. C. On Monday night, while sailing up Potomac river, he encountered a heavy snow storm and started back to make harbor in Great Wicomico, but got ashore on Smith Point, where he stayed until Tuesday morning, when he chartered a vessel and got about half the oysters aboard of her. This lightened the Pine sufficiently to enable him to get her off. He sold the balance of his cargo at Crisfield and returned here on Friday, March 5th, without any material damage.

A Sunday school was organized on Sunday, March 6th, at the new school-house built by Capt. John W. Marsh last summer, under the auspices of the M. E. Church, with Capt. David A. Marsh superintendent. Forty-two scholars were enrolled despite the inclement weather. This Sunday school has been needed on this side of Chesconnessex for some time and promises to be a success. A Sunday school also is to be organized at Deep Creek with Robert Allen superintendent. Our pastor, Rev. H. S. Dunlavy is the leading spirit in all these enterprises and is always ready to assist his people wherever assistance is needed. It is the unanimous wish of our people that the Annual Conference return him to us for another year.

Onancock.

Public schools closed on the 12th.

Mr. John S. Waples, quite sick last week, is out again.

Mrs. W. T. Bundick has been very ill for several days.

Rev. P. A. Leatherbury is critically ill at his home on Main street.

Mrs. A. M. Nottingham is somewhat better, but still quite sick.

Mrs. Jennings Waples, of Cape Charles, is visiting friends in Onancock.

Miss Ethel West, Mrs. Peggy Johnson and Dr. E. B. Finney, still sick with gripple.

Dr. Dan Wilkins, of Cape Charles, visited Onancock Thursday on his way to Tangier Island.

Miss Barstow gave a piano recital last week, which the young people all enjoyed very much.

Capt. Thomas Johnson, aged 87 years has just returned from the inauguration, and reports having a good time.

Mr. B. B. Topping is paying our town a visit and treating his friends to delightful entertainments with his graphophone.

Mr. T. A. Joynes, assistant general manager of the B. O. & A. Railway Co., paid a flying visit to his brother, G. G. Joynes, Saturday.

The friends of Mr. T. G. Kellam about here say he would be a hard man to down. He has been such an efficient constable, Lee district could not afford to give him up.

Mrs. E. J. Beloit is yet quite ill. Dr. Edward Leatherbury, the family physician, called in consultation last week Dr. John Hyslop, of Belle Haven, the former family physician.

Davis Wharf.

Capt. B. F. Davis is off to Norfolk this week with oysters.

Farmers have been very busy with spring crops during the fine weather of late.

Mr. E. T. Wescott was a welcome visitor to our midst on Saturday and Sunday last.

Capt. Wm. Brunyate, of Bridge-ton, is buying oysters at this place for the Philadelphia market.

Miss Mary T. Finney returned home Sunday last, after a pleasant stay among friends and relatives.

Mr. W. D. Tunnell was in this section last Saturday, inquiring as to the wealth of citizens and registering their dogs.

Mr. Leonard O. Ames will give Miss Annie Lou Davis an oyster supper at his residence in Pungoteague, on Tuesday night, March 16th. Musical and literary feature free; supper 15 cents. Public is cordially invited to attend.

Owing to a derangement of the machinery of the steamer Eastern Shore on Monday last, she was unable to make her regular trip to Mes-sougo, but came direct to this creek from Harborton to make necessary repairs.

The young ladies of this place will give a literary entertainment at the Craddockville Hall, on next Monday night, 15th. Proceeds for benefit of parsonage; doors open at 7:30 p. m. The public cordially invited; admission 10 cents.

Trees, fruit, shade, ornamental, evergreens, magnolia, grandiflora, cabbage plants, asparagus roots, &c., and fifty varieties of strawberry plants. Price list free. Accomac Nurseries, A. J. McMath, Only, Va.

Atlantic.

Several of our people are sick with la grippe.

Our farmers are busy bedding potatoes and sowing seeds.

Parties "all the rage" with the young people in this section.

The lecture at our Methodist Church last week was an able one and greatly enjoyed. Net proceeds nearly \$17.

Rev. A. J. Reamy, pastor of our Baptist Church, leaves soon to accept a call in South Carolina. His many friends here will part with him with regret.

Miss Kate Evans, of Horntown, has been of late the guest of Mrs. Dr. Taylor, and Miss Ella Mears, of Modestown, is a visitor at this time to relatives and friends in our village.

Church Notes.

Services in schoolhouse at New Church, Sunday, March 14th, 11 a. m.

There will be a dramatic entertainment in the Masonic Hall of Wachapreague for the benefit of Upshur's new church Easter holiday evening.

Rev. J. E. R. Riddick, a former pastor, will be in Wachapreague the third Sunday in March to hold a protracted meeting for Rev. G. E. B. Smith.

The presiding elder will preach in the new church in Upshur's Neck, Sunday night, March 28th, and hold Quarterly Conference for the Wachapreague circuit Monday the 29th of March in same building.

Modestown Baptist Church will call a pastor Sunday, March 14th, 1897, at 11 a. m. All the members of this church are requested to be present. The meeting is called by the pastoral committee.

Rev. J. H. Henderlite, a licentiate of Abingdon Presbytery, will preach at the following Presbyterian Churches on Sunday, March 14th: Makemie church, 11 a. m.; Clark chapel, 3:30 p. m., and Onancock 7:30 p. m., and will continue to fill the above appointments, preaching every Sunday at Makemie and Onancock churches and every other Sunday at Clark chapel until the spring meeting of Norfolk Presbytery, with a view to a call at that time. Mr. Henderlite is from Southwest Virginia, and is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College and Louisville Theological Seminary, and is regarded as a young man of considerable promise.

Wilkins-Dalby.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the bride's home, in Church Neck, last Tuesday, March 9th. The contracting parties were Hon. S. S. Wilkins and Miss Lelia Dalby, both of Northampton county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. H. Robertson, of Franktown M. E. Church, South. The marriage was a very quiet one, there being no cards issued, and no one was present except a few intimate friends and close relatives. The vows were spoken at 9:30, and they took the noon train for a northern tour. Mr. Wilkins is a very popular and well known man throughout the Peninsula, having served in Legislature as a floor-delegate for Northampton and Accomac counties. He is the present superintendent of schools of this county, and is welcomed wherever he goes for his geniality and pleasant smile for everyone he meets. His bride, Miss Dalby, is the attractive and accomplished daughter of the late George Riley Dalby, and a sister to Dr. Dalby, a practicing physician in this county. After a tour in the northern cities they will return and reside at Bird's Nest, where the groom has lived for several years.

Competitive Examination.

MR. EDITOR:—There will be a vacancy in the Medical College of Virginia to be filled by a State student for the next session from this section of the State. The appointment will be made from the 31st, 32d, 33rd and 37th Senatorial districts by competitive examination. Anyone from this district desiring to enter the examination will please communicate with the undersigned.

Geo. W. LeCato, Wachapreague, Va.

Public School Report for February.

No. of schools in operation 129
pupils enrolled 5,716
pupils in average daily attendance 3,954
different schools visited by Supt., 16

The poor average attendance is largely due to bad weather and contagious diseases.

J. E. MAPP, Supt. Schools.

Oak Hall School.

Averages of pupils for 5th month: 6th grade—Charlie Watson, 91.50; Lula White, 91.08; Maisy Colbourne, 89.58; Florence White, 90.33; Lilly Elliott, 90.50; Hope Dennis, 89.57; Annie Dennis, 89.72; Entha Taylor, 89.03. Fifth grade—Mary Dennis, 90.36; Jennie Taylor, 88.71; Cecie Bryd, 88.45; Beadles Colbourne, 87.54; Beulah East, 88.36; Drummond Taylor, 86.76; Roland East, 86.00; Joseph Colbourne, 85.90; Everett Elliott, 85.45. Fourth grade—Estlie Taylor, 78.30; Thomas Elliott, 87.50; Roy Lee Taylor, 74.10; Archie Matthews, 86.30.

TEACHER.

For the study of telegraphy, short hand, typewriting, or a thorough business course, young men and ladies should go to the Smithday Practical Business College on Broad street, Richmond, Va., opposite the fine new City Hall. The terms are very moderate, and this is said to be the best business college in the South. For terms, address W. T. Bundick, Onancock, Va., who has just paid a visit to this institution.

Letters From the People.

MR. EDITOR:—We have heard a great deal of late about "coons" from "Countryman" and "Citizman," but it seems to me there is a question of vastly more importance than smoking out "coons" before the people of Virginia. That question is the calling of a constitutional convention. Our present constitution—the work of John C. Underwood and his "black-and-tan" convention that met in Richmond on Tuesday, the 3rd day of December, 1867, was in its inception unwise and in many of its provisions outrageous. Two of its worst clauses contained in the 7th section of the 3rd article were stricken out, by a separate vote, at the time of the convention's adoption, and no doubt if the people had been permitted to do so, they would have condemned a large part of the whole instrument by decisive majorities, but we were then tied hand and foot, and compelled to accept that constitution or remain a military district under a United States general officer. Our people submitted to the constitution, not because they approved of it, but because it was the best they could get at that time. We have altered it and patched it, until we have got it in a little better shape, but it is still very, very defective and ill. Adopted to an agricultural state like Virginia. Some object to a constitutional convention on account of the expense. That is why I want the convention. To save the excessive and unnecessary expenses under this present patchwork Underwood Constitution. I believe there is in Virginia brains, patriotism and statesmanship enough to devise a better fundamental law than we now have. Nearly thirty years have passed away since the Underwood Convention met. We have had ample time to see the defects of their constitution. Surely we can now make great improvements on their works. I believe our dual system of judiciary is unnecessarily expensive, but I do not propose in this article to do more than call attention to this subject with the hope of hearing from others. I am not afraid of the great bugbear the mountain giant that some say is going to come down to Tidewater and swallow up all our puny people, and devour our oysters. No, no. Let us not be frightened by scare-crows. Our people can meet and adopt a wise constitution, and let them do it.

J. D. PARSONS.

Quarterly Conferences.

Atlantic, Horntown, March 13, 14. Guilford, Woodbury, 20, 21. Accomac C. H., 21, 22. Only and Locustville, Only, 27, 28. Wachapreague, Upshur's, 28 at night, 29.

Franktown, April 3, 4. Belle Haven, Bethel, 4 p. m., 5 Pungoteague, 24, 25. Onancock, 25 at night, 26.

W. C. VADEX, P. E.

Stockholders Meeting.

The stockholders of Chesapeake Navigation and Manufacturing Co., will meet Monday, March 15th, 10 a. m., at their office at Harborton for the purpose of electing a new board of directors, and to attend to all other matters which may be brought before them. S. K. MARTIN, Treasurer and General Manager.

Onana Social Union.

The fifth annual fair of the Onana Social Union, near Mappsburg, Va., will open Tuesday, August 31st, 1897, and continue four days.

SAM'L L. BURTON, Sec., Locustville, Va.

Advertisements.

I will be at Atlantic P. O., on March 18th and 19th, 1897, at the office of Dr. T. Taylor to practice my profession. DR. W. A. TAYLOR, Dentist, Stockton, Md., March 8, 1897.

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Announcements.

At the request of many friends, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor for Atlantic district, subject to the democratic primary, and if elected, do promise that I will discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

HIRAM BRITTINGHAM, New Church, March 9th, 1897.

Through the solicitation of the public, I declare myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor for Pungoteague Magisterial District, and if elected, do promise that I will discharge the duties of the office on economical principles, for the best interests of the people.

Respectfully, FRANK T. STOCKLEY.

To the voters of Atlantic District: I take this method of announcing myself a candidate for the office of Constable and promise, if elected, a faithful and conscientious discharge of the duties of the office. Soliciting your support, I am, yours, very respectfully, E. THOMAS KOSS, Sr.

To the voters of Pungoteague election district: I take this method of announcing myself a candidate for the position of Constable in this district at the ensuing May election. If I shall be the pleasure of my fellow citizens to elect me to the position of Constable I promise a most earnest, diligent and faithful discharge of all the duties appertaining to the position to the best of my ability consistent with discretion and an unswerving obedience to duty. Respectfully, WM. L. DRUMMOND, Pungoteague, Va., Feb. 16, 1897.

To the voters of Atlantic District: I announce myself a candidate for the office of Constable for Atlantic district, subject to the democratic primary, and if nominated and elected, will discharge the duties of said office to the best of my ability.

Respectfully, BENJ. F. GROTON, Jenkins Bridge, Va., March 3, 1897.

At the request of my friends, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Pungoteague Magisterial District, promising in the future, as I have done in the past, to discharge the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

E. S. WISE.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

FOR SALE—Two small moles, sound and good workers to all harness, 7 years old and weigh from 900 to 1,000 pounds each. Geo. C. Watson, Onancock, Va.

NOTICE—The jack known as Jake Kilrain, the largest one that has ever been on the Eastern Shore, stands at my house. Term \$12.50 to insure mare with foal. W. B. Mapp, Mappsburg, Va.

FOR SALE—Big stem Jersey slip sweet potato seed, at 25 cents per bushel. E. D. Waddy, Accomac C. H., Va.

FOR SALE—Improved big stem Jersey slip seed at prices to suit the times. F. G. Tull, Assawamam, Va.

Commission Merchants.

The following new advertisements appear in this issue: Stevens, Simpson & Co., New York, an old and reliable firm, with which Mr. John W. Hutchinson, formerly of Accomac, is connected and who will give especial attention to shipments to the firm from the Eastern Shore.

Charles Pape & Company, a new firm located at 877 Washington and 430 and 432 West 14th streets. The firm will handle fruit and produce and make a specialty of kale, spinach and other Southern truck. Mr. Chas. Pape, the senior member of the firm, was senior member of the well-known firm of Pape & Deyo, but retired about five years ago owing to ill health, since which time he has been in Europe. Mr. J. W. Howell, who is the "company" of the new firm, has been connected with the firm of S. H. & E. H. Frost for the past seventeen years. When Mr. Howell first associated himself with Messrs. Frost there were two Johns, and he was nick named "Harry"; the name grew on him to such an extent that he is now known everywhere by that name, even in his immediate family. Mr. Pape has thoroughly recovered his health, and with ample capital and an exceptionally fine store and location the concern should build up a large business.

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